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Merchant and Hood had preliminary talk today re Paragraph D our proposed revision of contingency plans. After reviewing developments in Paris former indicated there was need to move ahead here bilaterally since Couve had indicated French would be ready start tripartite discussions after Alphand returned to Washington early next year. British Embassy without instructions but Hood indicated that British might want to bring their military into discussions and that British Standing Group representative might start by exchanging views with US military.

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